

MT ZION UMC

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**From
the Pastors Desk**

Nothing Beats Doing What God Says

Dear Mt. Zion Friends,

We live in a time of great upheaval and uncertainty. Almost everywhere we turn we hear another report of economic problems dogging the country. At the same time, our elected leaders continually hurl harsh words at one another with no apparent positive effects on the lives of ordinary citizens. In the face of all this, we look for things to give us hope for a better future. We should look to GOD for a better future!

When Israel stood ready to go into the Promised Land, after having spent years travelling through the wilderness due to their disobedience, God spoke to their leader—Joshua—words that should encourage us today:

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to do all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:6-9, NIV)

God tells Joshua repeatedly to “be strong and courageous.” But God tells him something else, upon which Joshua’s success depended:

- 1) speak God’s Law
- 2) mediate upon God’s Law, and
- 3) obey God’s Law.

Before we ask for God’s blessings, we should remember to first live by the Good Book!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Craig



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